

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 830

March 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article VI, Section 3 of the Tennessee Constitution to authorize, as an alternative to contested elections, a system of merit-based appointments with retention elections for judges of the Supreme Court and for the judges of the intermediate appellate courts. Resolves that this amendment be referred to the 108th General Assembly and that this resolution be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Tennessee Constitution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the average statewide cost to publish the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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